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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6997

BILL NUMBER: SB 463

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Party Affiliation Determinations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waterman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that if the law concerning political subdivisions: (1) conditions a board appointment upon the appointee's political affiliation; or (2) restricts the number of board members who may be from the same political party; an appointee must be certified as a member of a particular party by the party's county chairman for the county in which the appointee resides. The bill makes the requirement of certification by a party's county chairman applicable to police and fire merit commissions, boards of sanitary commissioners, and boards of trustees of water departments. (Current law provides exceptions to the general party affiliation determination process for appointees to these boards and commissions.) The bill amends the law to maintain the determination of party affiliation by vote in the most recent primary election or by the appointee's claim of party affiliation for the appointment of magistrates of a St. Joseph County court. The bill repeals a statute regarding political affiliation of a person appointed to the board of trustees of a water department.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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